Donstruction of Jokhapora-Banspori Line fa Orissa

298. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the construction of the Jokhapora-Banspori line in Orissa has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in the construction of the above line;

(c) what progres has been made in the construction work; and

(d) the detailg of the amounts allocated for the construction of the line in 1988-89?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR, PRASAD); (a) Yes, Sir.

<b) to (d) The new rail line from Jakhapur$_a$ to Daitari has been completed and opened for goods traffic. The work on Daitari-Banspani was not taken up due to non-materialisa-tio$_n$ of traffic earlier anticipated, as & result, no amount has been allocate ed for this line in 1988-89. The construction of this Line is now being examined by the concerned Ministries at a part of the project for the export of Jron ore to Korea *via* Paradeep Port.

Maintenance/repairing of Lord Jagannath Temple at Port, Orissa

297. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maintenance and repairing work done in the Lord Jagannath Temple at Puri in Orissa is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the steps taken towards conservation, maintenance and repairing work of the famous ancient temple;

(c) whether any guidelines/direct-tipns have been sent to the Archaeo logical circle in Orissa to take neces sary steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA. TION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The steps taken are removal of the plaster from the exterior surface of the monument, exposing the details, grouting the cracks, replacement of corroded Iron dowels of the masonry and consolidating the exposed surface and its chemical treatment.

(c) and (d) The work is being carried out in accordance with the recommendations of an Expert Committee of arctiaelogoists, engineers and scientists.

Privatisation of National Highways

298. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose-to privatise the National Highway* in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the National Highways which are likely to be handed over to private organisations during the year 1988-89?

THEI MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government of India invited propsals from the private sector for taking up selectively certain toll based schemes on National Highways. Only a few concrete proposals were received from

some firms with certain conditions like grant °* concessions, loans, guarantees etc. which were not acceptable to Government of India.

Stolen runway light; at Ahmedabad airport

299. SHRl RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 runway lights have been stolen from Ahmedabad airport;

(b) whether they were imported and if so, what was their total value; and

(c) whether the airport is a restricted area and if so, what is the system of security and whether action has been, taken aginst those responsible and whether the culprits have been apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND JFAMTLY "WELFARE AND THE MINISTER "OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA); (a) 18 Nos. of approach lights have been stolen.

(b) Yesy Sir., To(tal approximate value is Rs. 54, 000/-

(q) Yes, Sir. It is guarded by the chowkidars of the National Airports Authority. Action has been taken against the defaulting chowkidars. The culprits have not yet been apprehended.

Divisional set np ia the Western Railways

300. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, the divisional set up of the 'Western Railways ig likely to be reorganised to achieve cohesive-' ness in operation and to rationalise the workload;

(b) whether in view of thig a new' Railway division for Ahmedabad is [proposed to be carved out of the existing Vadodara division;

(c) whether it is a fact that Vado. dara division has become unwieldy by virtue of its size, complexity and magnitude of work load and whether there is any other division in the country which has more staff area and workload than the Vadodara. division; and

(d) when were Bhopal and Bangalore divisions created and whether it is a policy to create new divisions especially at the State capitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and fl» No, Sir.

(c) There are. divisions on Indian Railways, which have more staff strength, Route Kilometres and work load than Vadodara Division.

(d) Bhopal and Bangalore Divi sions were created on 8. 1. 1987 and 27. 7. 1981 respectively) There is no policy to create new Divisions at the State capitals.

Supply of the sub-standard and expirydate medicines to the DESUdispensaries

301. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to jtate:

(a) whether Government's atten-. tion has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 20th March, 1988 wherein it has been stated that substandard and expiry date. medicineiff are being supplied to patients in DESU dispensaries;